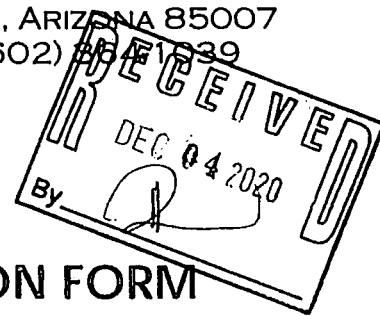


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**COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION FORM**

If there is an issue with more than one veterinarian please file a separate Complaint Investigation Form for each veterinarian

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

Date Received: DEC. 4, 2020 Case Number: 21-67

**A. THIS COMPLAINT IS FILED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING:**

Name of Veterinarian/CVT: JESSICA PETERSON

Premise Name: SUN VALLEY HOPE ANIMAL HOSPITAL

Premise Address: 5450 W GLENN DR

City: GLENDAL State: AZ Zip Code: 85301

Telephone: (623) 937-4004

**B. INFORMATION REGARDING THE INDIVIDUAL FILING COMPLAINT\*:**

Name: CINDY MORRIS

Address: [redacted]

City: [redacted] State: [redacted] Zip Code: [redacted]

Home Telephone: [redacted] Cell Telephone: [redacted]

\*STATE LAW REQUIRES WE HAVE TO DISCLOSE YOUR NAME UNLESS WE CAN SHOW THAT DISCLOSURE WILL RESULT IN SUBSTANTIAL HARM TO YOU, SOMEONE ELSE OR THE PUBLIC PER A.R.S. § 41-1010. IF YOU HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT SUBSTANTIAL HARM WILL RESULT IN DISCLOSURE OF YOUR NAME PLEASE PROVIDE COPIES OF RESTRAINING ORDERS OR OTHER DOCUMENTATION.

**C. PATIENT INFORMATION (1):**

Name: FERGUS

Breed/Species: AUSTRALIAN CATTLE DOG

Age: 1 Sex: M Color: RED

**PATIENT INFORMATION (2):**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed/Species: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

**D. VETERINARIANS WHO HAVE PROVIDED CARE TO THIS PET FOR THIS ISSUE:**

*Please provide the name, address and phone number for each veterinarian.*

JESSICA PETERSON LICENSE #7245

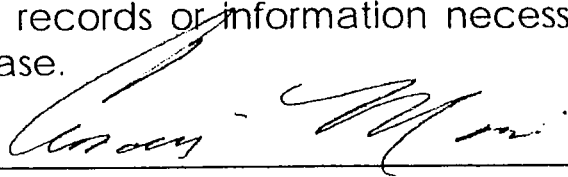
**E. WITNESS INFORMATION:**

*Please provide the name, address and phone number of each witness that has direct knowledge regarding this case.*

KERA LARDAKIS 

**Attestation of Person Requesting Investigation**

By signing this form, I declare that the information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Further, I authorize the release of any and all medical records or information necessary to complete the investigation of this case.

Signature:  \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 12.4.2020

**F. ALLEGATIONS and/or CONCERNS:**

*Please provide all information that you feel is relevant to the complaint. This portion must be either typewritten or clearly printed in ink.*

I adopted Fergus on 10/24/2020 from Who Let the Dog's Inn, rescue owner name is Kera Lardakis, number [REDACTED]

Kera told me that Fergus was neutered and supplied the paperwork from Sun Valley Hope Animal Hospital showing they had performed an exam and gave him his rabies shot. Sun Valley Hope obviously did not perform an exam because he is unaltered.

In my opinion, Sun Valley Hope Animal Hospital didn't perform an exam on him but falsified the rabies certificate (attached)

Being a responsible pet owner I will have to go through the added expense of not only the adoption fee but am now having to have Fergus neutered.

# Sun Valley Hope Animal Hospital

(623) 937-4004

**Rescue Help A Dog Out 14736**

**Fergus 46453**

1 Yrs. 0 Mos.

Client: **Rescue Help A Dog Out**

Patient: **Fergus**

Sex: **Male**

Date: **12/18/2020**

DOB: **11/19/2019**

Species: **Canine**

Phone: **[REDACTED]**

Age: **1 Yrs. 0 Mos.**

Breed: **Cattle Dog,  
Australian**

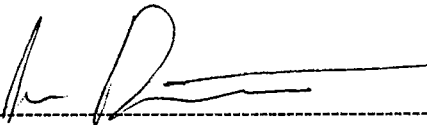
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Jessica Peterson, DVM

Fergus, a male 1 year old red Australian Cattle dog was brought to Sun Valley Hope Animal Hospital on 10/21/2020 by Help A Dog Out Rescue, Fergus's owner at the time. At this appointment, I performed a full physical exam and found the patient to be an apparently healthy intact male dog. During the appointment, we vaccinated Fergus with Rabies, DA2PP, and Bordetella vaccines. Additionally, Fergus had a nail trim & a microchip implanted during the visit.

Fergus's owner, Help A Dog Out Rescue, was given a rabies vaccination certificate for Fergus at the end of the appointment on 10/21/2020 - on this certificate, Fergus was erroneously listed as "neutered male", due to typographical error.

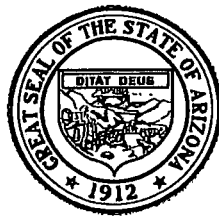


Jessica Peterson, DVM

12/18/2020 CALL BACK NOTES

Jessica Peterson

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**INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**TO:** Arizona State Veterinary Medical Examining Board

**FROM:** AM Investigative Committee: Robert Kritsberg, DVM - Chair  
Christina Tran, DVM - **Absent**  
Carolyn Ratajack  
Jarrod Butler, DVM  
Steven Seiler

**STAFF PRESENT:** Tracy A. Riendeau, CVT - Investigations  
Beth Campbell, Assistant Attorney General

**RE:** Case: 21-67  
Complainant(s): Cindy Morris  
Respondent(s): Jessica Peterson, DVM (License: 7245)

**SUMMARY:**

Complaint Received at Board Office: 12/4/20  
Committee Discussion: 6/8/21  
Board IIR: 7/21/21

**APPLICABLE STATUTES AND RULES:**

Laws as Amended August 2018  
(Lime Green); Rules as Revised September  
2013 (Yellow).

On October 21, 2020, "Fergus" also known as "Quimby" a 1-year-old male Australian Cattle Dog was presented to Respondent for an exam and vaccines. The dog was vaccinated; Respondent completed the rabies vaccine certificate and indicated erroneously on the certificate that the dog was neutered.

On October 24, 2020, Complainant adopted the dog. The adoption paperwork indicated the dog was neutered.

On December 3, 2020, the dog was neutered by Indian Bend Animal Hospital.

**Complainant was noticed and did not appear.**  
**Respondent was noticed and did not appear.**

**The Committee reviewed medical records, testimony, and other documentation as described below:**

- Complainant(s) narrative: *Cindy Morris*
- Respondent(s) narrative/medical record: *Jessica Peterson, DVM*
- Consulting veterinarian(s) narrative/medical record: *Scotti Gulinson, DVM*

**PROPOSED 'FINDINGS of FACT':**

1. On October 21, 2020, the dog (named Fergus at the time) was presented Respondent by a rescue group, Help A Dog Out Rescue, for exam and vaccines. The dog was examined; no weight noted, temperature = 101.5 degrees, a pulse rate = 140bpm, and a respiration rate = 28rpm. No abnormalities were noted; the medical records read that the dog's testicles were both descended and palpated smooth and symmetrical. The dog was vaccinated with DA2PP, Bordetella, and rabies. The dog was also microchipped.
2. The rescue group representative was given the rabies certificate at the end of the appointment. Respondent stated that the certificate erroneously listed the dog as a neutered male due to a typographical error.
3. On October 24, 2020, Complainant adopted the dog from "Dog's Inn" (an Australian Cattle Dog rescue and rehome organization) which was described as a neutered male. Complainant changed the dog's name to Quimby.
4. On December 3, 2020, the dog was presented to Indian Bend Animal Hospital for a neuter procedure.
5. Complainant expressed concerns that Respondent did not perform an exam on the dog and falsified the rabies certificate.

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:**

After reviewing the case file materials, the Committee did not feel there was a violation of the Veterinary Practice Act.

**COMMITTEE'S PROPOSED CONCLUSIONS of LAW:**

The Committee concluded that no violations of the Veterinary Practice Act occurred.

**COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED DISPOSITION:**

**Motion:** It was moved and seconded the Board:

*Dismiss this issue with no violation.*

**Vote:** The motion was approved with a vote of 4 to 0.

*The information contained in this report was obtained from the case file, which includes the complaint, the respondent's response, any consulting veterinarian or witness input, and any other sources used to gather information for the investigation.*